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LETTER

The Examiner is hereby advised of co-pending U.S. Patent Application, Application Number 10/423,588. The subject matter contained in this co-pending U.S. Patent Application, Application Number 10/423,588, is related to the above-identified application, and thus may be relevant to the subject matter of the instant application.

This co-pending application is not to be construed as prior art. By bringing this co-pending application to the attention of the Examiner, the Applicant does **NOT** waive any confidentiality concerning this co-pending application. 35 U.S.C. 122 (1988); see Medical Laboratory Automation Inc. v. Labcon Inc., 500 F.Supp. 54, 58 n.5 (N.D. Ill. 1980), aff'd, 670 F.2d 671 (7th Cir. 1981). Furthermore, if said co-pending application should not mature into a patent, said co-pending application should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 122 (1988) and 37 C.F.R. 1.14.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicant(s) submit(s) the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicant(s) is (are) aware. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

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In accordance with the United States Patent and Trademark Office OG Notice dated 05 August 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, Applicant(s) has not enclosed copies of the cited U.S. patents and applications with this Disclosure.

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It is respectfully requested that the attached document(s) be considered and officially cited in examination of this application.

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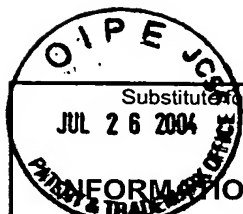
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